

# 2015 Voice Rules & Regulations

## ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION

The 2015 New York International Artists Voice Competition is open for musicians of any nationality born after March 1, 1980 and before March 1, 1997.

## AGE LIMIT

**18 to 35 Years old**

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Applications must consist of the following:
  - a. Completed Application Form.
  - b. Photocopy of your birth certificate, passport, or driver's license.  
NOTE: If you are a non-US passport holder and have been selected as the first, second, or third-prize winner, you are responsible to obtain documentation and visa for entry to the United States in time for the winner's concert. NYIAA will provide a letter of confirmation for visa purposes upon request.
  - c. A DVD video (non-returnable) or a Youtube link. The recording time frame should be approximately 15 to 40 minutes and must be suitable for evaluation as described in the **Qualification of the DVD/Youtube link** section. Please email [competition@nyiaa.org](mailto:competition@nyiaa.org) to inquire concerns regarding the time frame.
  - d. A check for the application fee of \$200 (U.S. dollars payable to New York International Artists Association), or payment via Paypal. For wire transfer information, please contact [competition@nyiaa.org](mailto:competition@nyiaa.org) or 646-580-5528. The application fee is non-refundable.
2. Applications will only be fully accepted when all required documents have been received.
3. Any application documents postmarked between March 2, 2015 and March 25, 2015 will be considered a late application, and contestants will need to submit a late fee of \$50 in order for any documents to be processed, including the DVD or Youtube links.
4. No change of repertoire allowed after the application extended deadline of March 25, 2015.

5. First, second, and third-prize winners will be asked to submit one publicity photograph, preferably in digital format with a resolution of at least 200 DPI. Physical copies should be the size of 5 inches by 7 inches to 8 inches by 11 inches. All copies are non-returnable.

#### **QUALIFICATION OF THE DVD/YOUTUBE LINK**

1. The DVDs/Youtube links from the contestants' performances will be auditioned and judged by the competition committee. Contestants must submit recorded performances either by sending a DVD recording, or by e-mailing a Youtube link.
2. All DVDs/Youtube links must be recorded in an appropriate venue. In order for the contestants' performances to be clearly evaluated, the recording must be of sufficient high quality visually and audibly. NYIAA reserves the right to not accept the recording if the jury members are not able to see or hear the clarity of the performance.
3. Contestants should be dressed appropriately.
4. The recordings should be approximately between 15 – 40 minutes. Memorization is required.
5. The DVD video must include the complete required repertoire and must be clearly labeled with the applicant's name, instrument, repertoire, and duration of each piece.
6. Using an electric keyboard substitution on the DVD or Youtube link recording will not be accepted for the competition.
7. The contestant's face must be visible at all times on the screen.

#### **WINNERS CONCERT**

1. Winners of the New York International Artists Voice Competition will perform only pieces selected by the judges from the competition repertoire.
2. Winners may not perform repertoire other than that found on their application videos for the winners' concerts.
3. Winners of the New York International Artists Voice Competition will be sponsored by NYIAA to appear in the winners' concerts at Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall.
4. NYIAA does not permit any picture downloading from the NYIAA Gallery page.

If you would like to purchase any of the winners' concert's photos in a higher resolution, please contact us at [concert@nyiaa.org](mailto:concert@nyiaa.org).

5. If you would like to use any of the photos taken at Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall for any website (including social websites, such as Facebook) or for any publication, you must contact Carnegie Hall's Marketing Department ([marketingapprovals@carnegiehall.org](mailto:marketingapprovals@carnegiehall.org)) for approval for each picture.

### **PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT**

New York International Artists Association will be happy to provide designated accompanists' names to work with the winners of the Voice Competition at the Winners Concert. Winners are responsible for all piano accompanist's rehearsal and concert fees. Winners are also able to bring their own accompanists for the Winners Concert.

### **TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATIONS**

Contestants are responsible for all travel and accommodation. Recommendation of hotels will be given to contestants upon request.

### **FOREIGN CONTESTANTS**

All foreign contestants are responsible for obtaining their passports and any necessary visas in time. NYIAA will not secure any travel related insurance for contestants or accompanying persons.

### **AWARD POLICY FOR NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS COMPETITION WINNERS**

1. Winners will receive all awards including a cash award on the day of the concert in the form of a check.
  - a. The award check will be written with the winner's name unless otherwise directed.
  - b. Out-of-country winners will receive the award in the form of a check or money order, dependent upon individual arrangement.
2. Winners are expected to attend and perform at the winner's concert/award ceremony.
  - a. If a winner is unable to attend the winner's concert due to a family emergency, the award and check will be mailed to the winner after the winners' concerts.

- b. If a winner is unable to attend the winner's concert due to any reason other than a family emergency, the cash award will be deemed relinquished, but the awarded first, second, or third prize title remains.
3. New York International Artists Association, Inc. is not responsible for lost checks or money orders.
4. Winners' concerts are included as a part of the award conferred by the New York International Artists Association, Inc.
  - a. Relinquishing the right to perform at the winner's concert will not result in a cash refund.
  - b. If due to unforeseen circumstances a winner is unable to perform at his/her designated concert, the winner's right to perform will not be extended to future winners' concerts.
5. NYIAA is not responsible for providing practice or rehearsal spaces for out-of-town or non-US resident winners. If there is a need to use a space for practice or rehearsals, please contact NYIAA for venue recommendations. Winners are solely responsible for the space's rental fees.